

Performing Arts Center Board Minutes 06/01/2009

SIMSBURY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dave Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. In addition to Mr. Ryan, Board members Ken Mason, John Paddock, Greg Piecuch and Adam Sharaf were present. Leo Collins arrived at 7:55 a.m. Also in attendance were Selectman Bob Hensley, BOS Liaison, Gerry Toner, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Keith Distel, Venue Manager. Guests included Sally Rider of Rider Productions, Mark Wilson of the Reach Foundation, and Nancy Haase of the EDC.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 27 AND MAY 20

Mr. Piecuch moved to moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2009. Mr. Paddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Piecuch moved to moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2009. Mr. Sharaf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PRESENTATION OF THE REACH FOUNDATION ON THEIR REQUEST TO SELL ALCOHOL AT THEIR CONCERT ON AUGUST 29TH

Ms. Rider gave the Board a summary of the Reach Foundation's activities. Mr. Wilson spoke concerning the request to sell alcohol at the Earth, Wind & Fire concert. He stated the purpose was two-fold. The first is to raise more money for the Reach Foundation, and the second is to offer a convenience for the guests. Mr. Wilson expects that doors will open around 4:00 p.m. He expects the show to finish by about 10:30 p.m. Expected attendance is 10,000 patrons. Mr. Wilson estimated that there would be about \$100,000.00 in sales of beer, wine and mixed liquor drinks. Alcohol would be donated by Crazy Bruce's, which is owned by Mr. Wilson. Thus, there would be a 100% profit margin. A wrist-band station would be set up to identify those of legal age. A group of bartenders from Murphy's and Scarlett's have volunteered to assist with sales. Mr. Wilson stated that he would get liability insurance acceptable to the Town. Mr. Wilson stated that he had not been responsible for the sale of alcoholic beverages at an event like this before, but had produced a beer-tasting event in the past. The intention is to also allow patrons to bring their own alcoholic beverages, consistent with past practice.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON THE REACH FOUNDATION REQUEST

Mr. Mason moved to request the Board of Selectmen to apply to the Zoning Commission for a liquor permit in accordance with the Reach Foundation's Request. Mr. Sharaf seconded the motion.

The Board members discussed the consequences of passing a motion that endorsed the Reach Foundation's request. The Board members also discussed the precedential impact of such a recommendation.

Mr. Mason withdrew his motion.

The Board further discussed to what extent it had jurisdiction to

make policy concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages on Town property.

Mr. Sharaf moved to recommend that the Board of Selectmen apply to the Zoning Commission for a liquor permit in accordance with the Reach Foundation's Request. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes in favor and two votes against. Voting Aye were: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Sharaf, Mr. Mason and Mr. Collins. Voting Nay were: Mr. Piecuch and Mr. Paddock.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mason moved to adjourn at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Paddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory W. Piecuch
Vice-Chairman